

17. The surface material of claim 12 that further comprises the step of placing a layer of the surface material on a surface.
18. The surface material of claim 17 wherein the layer is between 2" and 6" deep.
19. The surface material of claim 17 wherein the surface material is dried before placing it on the surface.
20. The surface material of claim 17 that further includes the step of transporting the surface material prior to placing a layer on the surface.
21. The surface material of claim 20 wherein the mixture is at least partially covered with a moisture-proof barrier during the step of transporting.
22. The surface material of claim 12 wherein the surface material further comprises decomposed granite and is made by the method of mixing decomposed granite, clay and emulsified wax.
23. The surface material of claim 12 wherein neither the clay nor the wax are heated prior to or during the mixing step.
24. The surface material of claim 21 wherein the moisture-proof barrier is comprised of plastic.
25. The surface material of claim 12 wherein, the emulsified wax is placed onto a surface comprising clay prior to mixing the clay and emulsified wax.
26. The surface material of claim 12 wherein the surface material further comprises silt and is formed by the method of mixing silt, clay and emulsified wax.
27. The surface material of claim 25 that further includes the step of mixing the wax with the surface material to form a mixture.

28. The surface material of claim 25 wherein the mixing is done by tilling the mixture by hand.
29. The surface material of claim 25 that further includes the step of compressing the mixture of wax and surface material.
30. The surface material of claim 29 wherein the mixture is compressed using a roller.
31. The surface material of claim 25 wherein neither the soil material nor the emulsified wax is heated prior to or during mixing.
32. The surface material of claim 12 wherein the surface material includes gravel.
33. The surface material of claim 12 wherein the surface material includes organic binder.
34. The surface material of claim 33 wherein the organic binder is dried and ground plantago.
35. The surface material of claim 34 wherein the dried and ground plantago consists of 80% or more plantago husk.
36. The surface material of claim 25 wherein the surface material is part of a pitcher's mound.
37. A surface material comprising wax and clay and having the following properties:
- (a) A dry density of between 100 and 115 lbs/ft³; and
 - (b) An unconfined compressive strength of between 10 and 100 psi, wherein there is not brittle failure of the surface material.

Please delete claims 39 and 40.

A copy of the amended claims showing the deletions and additions is attached as Exhibit A.